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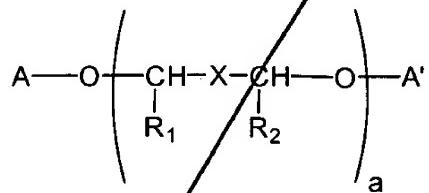
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IN THE CLAIMS

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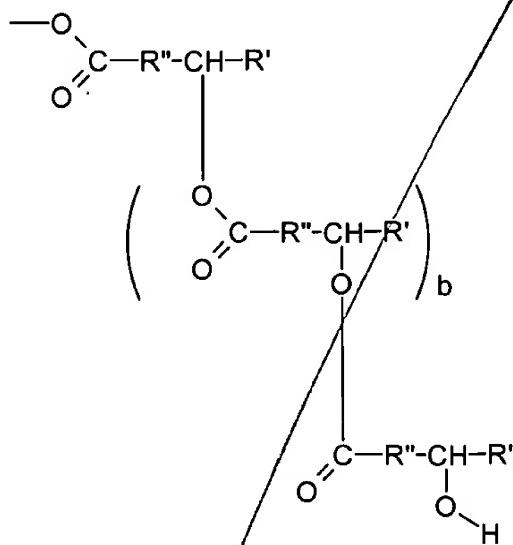
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1. (amended) A water-in-oil emulsion
 - (a) with a content of water and optionally water-soluble substances totalling at least 80% by weight, and with a content of lipids, emulsifiers and lipophilic constituents of less than 20%, in each case based on the total weight of the preparations,
 - (b) comprising at least one surface-active substance selected from the group consisting of substances of the general formula (I)



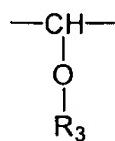
- where A and A' are identical or different organic radicals selected from the

group consisting of branched and unbranched, saturated and unsaturated alkyl and acyl radicals and hydroxyacyl radicals having 10 - 30 carbon atoms, and the group consisting of hydroxyacyl groups bonded together via ester functions, according to the scheme



where R' is selected from the group consisting of branched and unbranched alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, and R'' is selected from the group consisting of branched and unbranched alkylene groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, and b is a number from 0 to 200,

- a is a number from 1 to 100,
- X is a single bond or the group



- R₁ and R₂ independently of one another are selected from the group consisting

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- of H and methyl,
 - R_3 is selected from the group consisting of H, and of branched and unbranched, saturated and unsaturated alkyl- and acyl radicals having 1 - 20 carbon atoms,
 - (c) additionally comprising at least one cationic polymer.

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2. (amended) A water-in-oil emulsion according to Claim 1, wherein the content of water and water-soluble substances is greater than 80% by weight, based on the total weight of the emulsion.

3. (amended) Emulsion according to Claim 1, wherein the surface-active substance is polyethylene glycol-30 dipolyhydroxystearate.

4. (amended) Emulsion according to Claim 1, wherein the oil phase comprises at least 50% by weight of at least one substance selected from the group consisting of petrolatum, paraffin oil and polyolefins.

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5. (amended) Emulsion according to Claim 1, comprising from 0.01 to 10% of cationic polymers.

6. (amended) Emulsion according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one cationic polymer is selected from the group consisting of cationic cellulose derivatives, cationic starch, copolymers of diallylammonium salts and acrylamides, quaternized vinylpyrrolidone/

vinylimidazole polymers, condensation products of polyglycols and amines, quaternized collagen polypeptides, quaternized wheat polypeptides, polyethyleneimine, cationic silicone polymers, copolymers of adipic acid with dimethylaminohydroxypropyl diethylenetriamine, copolymers of acrylic acid with dimethylidiallylammonium chloride, polyaminopolyamides, cationic chitin derivatives, cationic guar gum, quaternized ammonium salt polymers, and cationic biopolymers.

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-Claim 7. Emulsion according to Claim 1, wherein a is a number from 2 to 60.

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Claim 8. Emulsion according to Claim 7, wherein a is a number from 5 to 40.

Claim 9. Emulsion according to Claim 5, wherein said amount of cationic polymers is from 0.25 to 1.25%.

Claim 10. Emulsion according to Claim 6, wherein said at least one cationic polymer is chitosan, having an average molecular weight of from 50,000 to 2,000,000 g/mol as determined by gel permeation chromatography, and a degree of deacetylation of from 10 to 99% as determined by $^3\text{H-NMR}$.

REMARKS

This application pertains to novel water-in-oil emulsions which have contents of at least 80%, and which can be prepared to have surprisingly low viscosities.